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OIL, GAS & MINING

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January 26, 2016

Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Docket 2015-026, Cause No. 231-141

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), acting in its Trust capacity on behalf of the Ute Indian Tribe and Individual Indian mineral owners, is aware that the referenced Docket matter is scheduled to be heard by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining on January 27, 2016. Notice on this matter was given to the BLM.

Earlier today, our office met with representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Ute Tribe's Energy and Minerals staff concerning the Request for Agency Action. We understand and appreciate that the petitioner, Crescent Point Energy, conferred with those groups last week in regard to this matter. However, in our meeting we were not able to answer all of the questions asked of us in regard to this matter specific to the proposed 40-acre spacing. Consequently, we are not able to determine whether to support or oppose Crescent Point Energy's ("Petitioners") request for Agency Action in the above referenced matter at this time.

In order for the Bureau of Land Management to make an informed decision in this matter, we believe we need some additional time to further engage with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ute Tribe, Petitioner, and Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining as needed to formulate our position. We fully expect to do so quickly. Staff from our office is planning to attend the hearing to listen to the information presented, which will be considered in our further coordination. We would appreciate the Board's recognition of the coordination we must achieve in order to provide our position and would ask that the Board refrain from making a decision on this matter until we have met our obligations in regard to the trust assets involved.

Should there be any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (435) 781-4440.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of January 2016.

Sincerely,



Jerry Kenczka
Assistant Field Manager for Lands and Minerals

cc: Crescent Point
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